

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended.

The amendment of "ethoxyethyl" to "ethyl" is obvious in view of the context of the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 15, because an ethoxyethyl group is not an alkyl group.

The amendment of the term " $3 \cdot 10^3$ " to 3.1×10^3 " (paragraph beginning at page 40, line 26) is obvious in that $3 \cdot 10^3$ is a clearly typographical error.

The amendment of the term "0.31 mol" to "0.21 mole" (paragraph beginning at page 40, line 26) is obvious in light of the fact that the molecular weight of triethoxysilane is 164.27 and division of 34.5 g of triethoxysilane by 164.27 g/mol of triethoxysilane = 0.21 mol of triethoxysilane.

The amendment of the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 33, corrects a clerical error.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-7 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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